

A pleasant memory for the librarian was formed by a three-day trip to Ryan, Shoshone, Tecopa, and Death Valley Junction, for which she is indebted to Mrs. Leete. This region is rapidly becoming a favorite with winter tourists, evidenced by the fact that the Furnace Creek Inn is for the second time nearly doubling its capacity. Closing down of mining operations, however, has its effects on the number of residents, and so on the use of the library. The branch at Ryan has been closed for over a year, and the teacher of the school attempts to serve the older folks also, through special requests.

Mrs. Brown has the little library in her living-room, shelves over the attractive fire-place accommodating the collection. Here at Shoshone books for children are always wanted, the young readers being devoted adherents of the library. They have a number of books at the school also, and Celesta Lisle is in charge of the bookshelves. They are so crowded that we were glad to have the promise of more shelves installed to fit the books, so that Celesta can manage more easily to keep them in order.

The Tecopa Branch is about three miles from the station, and Mrs. Davis has hit upon the plan of opening the box of books when it comes from the County Library, and permitting them to be taken out at once. She has had her patrons mark the books they wished to read, on the booklist sent last month, and has sent in a number of requests for these titles. We had to ask her to have patience, for many of these are so in use at present that we cannot call them in from the branches that have them. Some are dated for a club program, some are assigned to school classes, while for others there is a reserve list of borrowers waiting. However we are sending a good part of her requests. We enjoyed a happy evening in front of Mrs. Davis' open fire, and a good night's rest in her home before starting on the back track.

Mrs. Sands, custodian at Death Valley Junction, combines the library work with the care of the soda fountain. She has sent in a very large shipment, to relieve her shelves of their crowded condition, and so make them more attractive. As at the other branches, there was waiting for us at Death Valley a list of books wanted.

A point of emphasis to Good Book Week at the Bishop Branch was a tea Thursday afternoon, Nov. 21. The reading-room was gay with chrysanthemums, petunias and greenery. Interesting talks were given by Miss Gertrude Horner and Mrs. William Dolliver; the former spoke on the effect on character of good books and the value of good reading habits. Mrs. Dolliver, who has until recently been a teacher of English at the Bishop High School, told of some ways used in schools and libraries to interest young people in good books. The custodian read from notes taken during her study of Book Selection under Miss Helen Evans at the Riverside Library Service School last summer. Tea was served by Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. Bohn, and Miss Horner.

At Independence, the four lower grades of the school celebrated Book Week in the Library, Nov. 22, with Mrs. Roeper and Miss Bartzen. Of much interest to the youngsters were the new tables and chairs just placed in the reading-room for their use. The number of these being quite inadequate, they had to take turns sitting in the chairs. Oral book reports and the selection of new books and old favorites were the chief business of the afternoon. Miss Bartzen is working toward the building of a library habit in her pupils by frequent assignments that bring the children to the librarian and the catalog for aid.

The Haiwee Branch is one of those that made good use of the booklist, and spent in a long list of requests. Power Plant also has a goodly number.

The Librarian attended the Teachers' Institute Nov. 6th to 8th. This is a good opportunity to become acquainted with the teachers and their problems.

Mrs. Roeper spent a week in Los Angeles, on a long-delayed vacation.